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Winston, N. C., Mar. 9th, 189—8

Dr. D. C. Gilman,

President Johns Hopkins University,

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

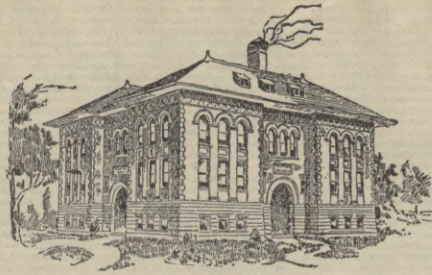
You may have perhaps heard something of the Slater Industrial Academy, located at Winston-Salem, N. C. It is the youngest institution in the State for the education of colored youth and the training of colored teachers. Although young, it has attracted a good deal of attention and is receiving a great many commendations for the progress it has made in the short time of its history, and the success which it has attained in the work which it has undertaken to do. One of the most interesting facts connected with the history of this school is that represented by what we term Philanthropy in the New South, which means the money contributed by Southern white men for the development and encouragement of the high schools devoted to the education and improvement of the colored people living among them. We think that our school is one of the most pronounced products of this Philanthropy, especially as seen in the splendid new building which we are just now completing, and which we propose to open formally at commencement. And now, Dr. Gilman, I beg on behalf of our Board of Trustees, and the best citizens of both races in this community, to invite you to be present on this occasion and deliver the formal address in connection with the opening of this building.

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Winston, N. C., 189—

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Our annual literary address will be delivered on the same day by Rev. D. J. Burrell, D. D., of New York City, and the State Board of Education will be represented at this formal opening by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. It will be a notable occasion in the history of the education of the colored race in this State, and we would count ourselves doubly fortunate if we could be honored with your presence and your words at this time. I hope that you will permit us to expect you. Assuring you that it will be a contribution to the cause of education and the uplifting of the human race, and begging a favorable reply,

Yours with greatest respect,

S. G. Atkins.

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Winston, N. C., Mar. 11th, 1898 8

Dr. D. C. Gilman,

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President Johns Hopkins University,

Baltimore, Md.

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Dear Sir:

I regret my oversight in not mentioning the date of our commencement in my letter to you of the 9th inst. Our commencement will occur on May 12th. Dr. Burrell will speak at eleven o'clock on that day, and our formal opening of the new building will come off at 3 P. M. of the same day. We hope most sincerely, Dr. Gilman, that we may be favored with your presence on this occasion. You can leave Baltimore by the Southern Railway about eight o'clock on the evening of the 11th, and reach Winston-Salem direct at ten o'clock on the 12th, changing only at Greensboro, N. C.; and, if desired, you can leave here at 5:10 the evening of the 12th, and reach Baltimore early in the forenoon of the 13th, thus being absent from Baltimore only one day. Let me assure you, Dr. Gilman, that this visit to North Carolina just at this time will be a significant contribution to the cause of education of the colored race at the South. Permit me again to express the most sincere hope that you will consent to come.

Yours with great respect,

Of course you understand that we desire to bear the expense of the trip.

S. G. A.

S. G. Atkins.

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WINSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
JOHN J. BLAIR, SUPT.

A. J. C. Gilman
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore Md.

My dear Sir,

As Supt of the City
Public Schools, I join
with Prof Stokes in
the hope that you
can visit our town and
be present at the com-
mencement of the State
Academy. To a certain

extent the work of the State
Academy, supplements the work
done in our City - Schools. There
is the greatest harmony existing
between them, especially as we
are to a certain extent dependent
upon them for our supply of
teachers.

The growth and development
of the State Schools is without
a parallel in this State.

It has the hearty support
of all people of all parties
and denominations in this com-
munity. —

Your coming at this time would
mark an epoch in its progress.

A cordial welcome from us,
all awaits you.

Yours very truly
Jas. Blair.

March 11, 1898.

C. Crutchfield
Mayor's Office.

P. W. CRUTCHFIELD, MAYOR.

Winston, N. C., March 11th, 1898

President D. C. Gilman,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir;-

President Atkins of the Slater Industrial Academy of this city has suggested to me that he is making an effort to secure your presence at his next commencement. My apology for addressing you is the great merit of the Slater Academy and the worth of Pres. Atkins himself as an untiring worker for the improvement of our community and State. Permit me therefore to solicit the acceptance of his invitation, and to assure you officially that we would consider it an honor to have you visit our city, and that we would be glad to add as much as we can to the pleasure of your visit.

Yours very respectfully,-

P. W. Crutchfield
Mayor